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IN RE APPLICATION

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Title: METHOD AND APPARATUS FOR ASSOCIATING  
INFORMATION WITH AN OBJECT IN A FILE  
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**RESPONSE**

This is a response to the Official Action dated March 18, 2003, the deadline for responding to which is June 18, 2003.

**REMARKS**

By the present response, no claims have been added, cancelled or amended. Accordingly, claims 1-40 are presently pending, and favorable reconsideration thereof is respectfully requested. Claims 1, 8-11, 20 and 29-32 are the independent claims.

Applicant wishes to thank the Examiner for the careful review of the present application and of the prior art.